Introduction of new trains between Bombay Central and Viramgam

1810. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new trains introduced between Bombay Central and Viramgam since the last five years;

(b) whether there is any track problem;

(c) whether it is a fact that Western railway has received demands from everywhere to change the timings of 'Kutch Express'; and

(d) if so, what action have been taken in this regard so far; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNA-NDES): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Not found feasible due to operational constraints.

Modernisation of sugar factories

1811 SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for modernisation of sugar factories in the country; and

(b) the number of factories likely to be covered by this scheme during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PU-JAN PATEL): (a) Government of India has so far sanctioned Rs. 122.48 crores from Sugar Development Fund for the purpose of mo-dernisation/rehabilitation of sugar mills in the country

(b) During the current year seven applications have been considered and approved by Central Government. Another twenty applications are under process in the Department.

1812. *[Transferred to the 29th May,* 1990]

Contract Labour in Public Sector Undertakings

1813. SHRI TINDIVANAM G VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any decision on the issue of contract labour system was taken on the 3rd May, 1990 at the meeting of the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) Whether there is any Welfare Scheme in force meant solely for the benefit of the contract labour; if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the names of the public sector undertakings having contract labour together with the strength of the contract labour in each of the undertakings ;

(d) the names of the public sector undertakings taken up by the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board for ending contract labour system ;

(e) the stepd taken in each of these undertakings ; and

(f) What is Government's stand on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM-VILAS PASWAN): (a) At the meeting of the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board held on 3rd May, 1990 it was *inter-alia* decided that abolition of employment of contract

labour in Saw Mills of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. will be considered after the views of the management become available The other decisions include setting up of three committees to go into the question of prohibition of employment of contract labour in the Indian Oil Corporation refinery at Mathura, Canteen establishments of Messrs Bharat Petroleum Corporation (Refinery) Bombay and the Customs House, Calcutta respectively

(b) Statutory Provisions for making available to the contract labour, welfare facilities such as Canteens, Creches, dining room/ hall, safe drinking water, first-aid, etc exist in the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, and the Central Rules framed there-under-

(c) No centralised data in the form asked for is maintained in the Ministry of Labour.

(d) to (f) Employment of contract labour in a job/process/operation is prohibited by the appropriate Government after following due procedure outlined in the Act- No discrimination is made between a public sector and a private sector establishment. The Central Government has prohibited employment of contract labour in some jobs/ processes/operations in some of the mines including coal mines in catering establishments of Indian Railways, in some depots of the Food Corporation of India and in sweeping, cleaning, dusting and watching of the buildings owned or occupied by some establishments in respect of which the Central Governments is the appropriate Government.

Irregularities in Seed Import Policy

1814. DR. NARREDDY THU-REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that National Seed Policy which is being implemented since 1st October, 1988 is having many scientific irregularities like new pest and disease problems and also drift of indigenous genetic resources ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to amend the policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The New Policy on Seed Development provides for adequate plant protection and quarantine provisions to preclude the entry of exotic pests and diseases into the country-

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost of imported edible oil

1815. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to further import one lakh tonne of edible oil in addition to two lakhs tonne already imported;

(b) if so, the reasons threfor: and

(c) what would be the cost of the import ?